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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2001, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

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In the specification:

On page 1, after the title of the application ("B7-H1, A Novel Immunoregulatory Molecule), add the following heading and paragraph:

--Statement as to Federally Sponsored Research

Work on this invention was supported by NIH Grant Number CA79915. Therefore the government may have certain rights in the invention.--

In the claims:

Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled

Claims 1, 4, and 5 are amended.

Claims 45-51 are newly added.

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